



In with new:

USAFSOS attains new leadership

By Vanessa Adame
Public Affairs

In a brief change-of-command ceremony Tuesday, at the U.S. Special Operations School, Col. Michael Damron relinquished the role of the commandant of the USAFSOS and passed it on to Col. John Jogerst.

After the presentation of the colors, a short prayer preceded the ceremony.

Dozens of distinguished visitors and guests filled the seats of the Joint Special Operations University auditorium, where the outgoing commandant displayed admiration for his staff for their "fantastic" war-fighter support.

"I want you to know that you're getting a great unit," Colonel Damron told incoming commander Colonel Jogerst adding "it's been a great command, but it's time to go."

After accepting the guidon, Colonel Jogerst thanked Colonel Damron for providing a well-established school.

"What I'm bringing (to the unit) is continuity," Colonel Jogerst told the audience. "We'll continue to

Col. Michael Damron (left), former U.S. Air Force Special Operations School commander, welcomes in Col. John Jogerst as the new USAFSOS commander in a change-of-command ceremony held Tuesday at the Joint Special Operations University.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Ebony Pierre

meet challenges of the world as it is today," he said.

After he cited the school for their great work, – tactically, operationally and strategically – the incoming commandant closed his remarks with "we'll go forward and do the mission."

Prior to his arrival at Hurlburt Field, Colonel Jogerst served as the deputy inspector general for Headquarters, Air Force Special Operations Command.

In his new position as commandant of the USAFSOS, he will head an organization of more than 50 military, civilian and contractor personnel that provide formal Air Force and joint academic courses to NATO, Allied, Department of State, and other governmental students.

Prayer luncheon brings hope to Hurlburt Airmen

By Amy Oliver
Public Affairs

Hope will change your life. That was the theme of the Hurlburt Field National Prayer Luncheon held Jan. 13.

The luncheon was held for fellowship among base personnel who represent various religious and philosophical viewpoints, yet who all have one thing in common: a belief and faith in prayer and in God's guidance in our lives.

"Prayer is important, especially during this nation's current involvement in the Global War on Terrorism," said Col. Tim Hale, 16th Special Operations Wing vice commander. "Our leaders and military personnel need God's continuous guidance during this ongoing conflict."

"Our prayer luncheon is modeled off the National Prayer Breakfast, which the president usually celebrates during the first week in February," said Chaplain (Capt.) Brad Green, planning committee chairman. "This year, President (George) Bush will celebrate the 55th Annual National Prayer Breakfast."

Chaplain (Brig. Gen.) Cecil Richardson, deputy chief of the Air Force Chaplain Service, urged hundreds of Airmen attending the event at the Commando Hangar to have hope.

He explained that having faith in someone or something means you can trust that good will come. However, hope is also vital. Airmen who are absent without leave from the military often lack hope.

"Hope is what gives you expectation, anticipation, a bounce in your step, a joy in your heart," he said. "Have hope that the war on terrorism will end."

FluMist:
available for
active-duty
personnel

In light of the low demand and growing supplies of flu vaccine, the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Health Affairs has relaxed restrictions on the use of flu vaccine for Department of Defense beneficiaries and recommended total force vaccination with FluMist, the intra-nasal vaccine.

Vaccination efforts for the total force is scheduled to continue until vaccine supplies are unavailable or until the total force is vaccinated.

Hurlburt Field military units/personnel without designated appointment times are encouraged to report on one of the following dates to receive the FluMist vaccine.

For more information call Capt. Derec Hudson at 881-5625.

Monday: 7-11 a.m., Deployment Control Center
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Jan. 28: 1-4 p.m., DCC

Jan. 31: 7-11 a.m. and 1-4 p.m., DCC

Feb. 2: 7-11 a.m. and 1-4 p.m., 823rd RED HORSE Squadron auditorium

Feb. 4: 7-11 a.m., 823rd RHS auditorium

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Weather
forecast

Friday Partly sunny; High 70, Low 50
Saturday Showers; High 65 Low 52
Sunday Partly sunny; High 50, Low 40

The Commander's Open Line is your direct line to me for questions or suggestions about subjects of concern to the Hurlburt Field community.

I really appreciate your feedback. To receive a response, call 884-OPEN (6736) or e-mail your concerns to commando@hurlburt.af.mil. Be sure to include your name, unit and telephone number.

Open Line... Boat storage

Comment: Security forces personnel recently went through Hurlburt Field housing advising people who had boats at their house that they had to be moved by order of the wing commander.

I recently moved here after a permanent change-of-duty station and moved into military family housing. The housing office put my name on its waiting list for a spot in the housing recreational vehicles storage lot, they then told me that until a spot became available I was authorized to keep the boat at my house.

I talked to the housing office about the change in policy and was told there was nothing they could do, but I could store my

boat at the Commando Village Storage area. Why is housing telling new residents one thing and the security forces squadron saying the opposite?

This was a couple days after Hurricane Ivan and I've noticed there are still boats stored in the housing area. Is this policy going to be enforced for everyone in housing, or was it just an initial reaction and then forgotten about? Thank you for your time on this matter.

Response: HF Pamphlet 32-6002, Military Family Housing - Guide to Residing in MFH, Section D (pg 26), states that RVs and boats aren't allowed in the housing areas. On-base residents should contact the housing office at 884-7505, extension 100, to be assigned an RV space. Two lots are available; the enclosed area next to the tennis

ber. Open lines of general interest will be printed in the **COMMANDO**. I'll answer the others by letter or a phone call.

However, the quickest and most efficient way to resolve a problem is to talk directly to the agency responsible. This gives them an opportunity to help you and perhaps improve their process.



Col.
O.G. Mannon

court in Commando Village and the enclosed area between Mayo and McMillan Streets on the main base.

From an enforcement standpoint, enforcement of the commander's policy on storage of recreational vehicles is uniform across the installation. Those parking their RVs in their driveways/carports and/or on the streets for extended periods are initially given an order to move the vehicle.

Subsequent violations result in citations and can result in a loss of base housing privileges for failing to obey the wing instructions. Security forces personnel allow some latitude, immediately before and during weekends as people may want to get their RV or boat on a Friday for an early start Saturday. However, we expect the duration a vehicle is in an unauthorized parking area to be minimal.

Putting blue back in Air Force blue

By Tech. Sgt. Brandy Alexander
437th Medical Group

So often we hear the problem with today's Air Force is the Airmen we recruit each year, when in fact, the Airmen of today aren't much different from the Airmen we were 10 and 20 years ago.

Basic training recruits haven't changed; it's the Airmen and NCOs who've been in for five to 10 years who've changed. Each year many supervisors slip further into the voids of complacency and don't mentor our young Airmen the way we're charged to.

How can today's supervisors effectively mentor their subordinates' professional development when they haven't done so in their own careers? The key to becoming a successful Airman or NCO is easy when applied correctly.

Your career is an investment. Each of us is in the military for a different reason, however we should all look toward our future. Every Airman and NCO should have at least a five-year career plan at all times. NCOs should develop their own career plan, and should encourage the same for their Airmen - outline their goals and help them achieve those goals.

This is your career; only you can make it happen. Your supervisors, career field functional managers, chiefs and first sergeants are there to provide you with guidance, but it's ultimately your responsibility. Reach out and seek their guidance and then move in the direction of your goals.

Thank your people and recognize their contributions to the mission. Put your troops in for monthly, quarterly and annual awards as well as flight and squadron-

level recognition when deserved. You'll be amazed at how many of our Air Force troops don't ever get a simple "thank you" for what they do every day for our country and the mission. Being recognized in front of your peers is incredibly motivating and can make the difference in a member's career both personally and professionally. When your troops do a good job, it's a direct reflection of your hard work and dedication to their development.

Remember our core values in everything you do. You must always be accountable for your actions, and hold those you serve accountable for theirs. Don't be afraid to correct inappropriate behavior and provide guidance to your peers and subordinates. We're charged to uphold and follow Air Force regulations. Each of us is charged with representing the United States and its military. Our mere image should reflect nothing less than excellence, every day. Know the regulations, use and understand your technical orders and don't be afraid to step up and enforce them.

You're a member of the U.S. military. The Air Force isn't a job; it is a way of life. If you want to be promoted, you must study. You must learn your trade and carry yourself like a professional.

Personal integrity, loyalty, leadership and devotion to duty must remain above reproach...the NCO should epitomize the Air Force for military and civilian communities.

We all came out of basic training Air Force blue, but many have forgotten that feeling. We have the best weapons systems, intelligence and training in the world, but we're the greatest Air Force because of our people.

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DUI Tracker

Jan. 14-20: 3 DUIs

This year: 3

DUIs for 2004: 42

Last DUI: 16th Civil Engineer Squadron, Jan. 17

Don't Drink and Drive. Call AADD at 884-8844

Potential saves this year: 39

16th OG...48

16th MSG...3

16th MXG...4

16th MDG...38

Individual groups get a down day for 60 consecutive days without a DUI. Totals are current as of Jan. 20.



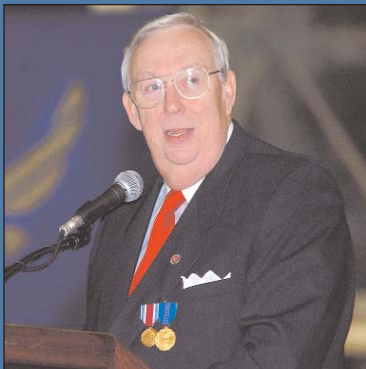


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Air Force secretary retires

ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE, Md. — Airmen, along with service members from more than 14 nations, bid farewell to Dr. James Roche, the 20th Secretary of the Air Force, Tuesday. The secretary was appointed in 2001 and was responsible for the affairs of the Department of the Air Force, including the organizing, training, equipping, and providing for the welfare of its nearly 370,000 Airmen on active duty, 180,000 Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve Airmen, 160,000 civilians and their families.

Rings, Legos aren't Air Force mandatory items

In a recent report, the General Accounting Office stated federal employees continue to abuse Government Purchase Cards by making improper purchases.

Some of these abuses included non-work-related items, such as diamond rings, karaoke machines, a mounted deer head, cars, designer briefcases, ski clothing, leather bomber jackets, Lego toy robots and access to Internet porn and gambling.

The GAO found that most employees use the cards inappropriately, but too often, agency managers "rubber-stamp" the approval process.

Unfortunately, they also cited examples where disciplinary action was either inappropriately light, or non-existent, for flagrant violations of the regulations.

Even if cardholders are buying the appropriate items, the GAO also cited wasteful spending as a continuing problem. Some cardholders aren't conducting sufficient market research to discover what items should really cost before they're making the purchases.

Also, cardholders don't regularly seek available discounts on pre-existing contracts. In some cases, office supplies are being bought at prices 20 percent above those readily available on current contracts.

Here, 1,300 cardholders and approving officials processed approximately 50,000 GPC transactions valued at \$24 million during the last

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Air Force Special Operations Command and 720th Special Tactics Group assigned personnel will direct all submissions to the AFSOC Public Affairs Office. Doing so will prevent the release of classified and/or sensitive information, while allowing our stories to be told.

Questions regarding this matter should be directed to Capt. Tom Knowles, 16th SOW/PA, at 884-7464 or Capt. Denise Boyd, AFSOC/PA, at 884-5515.

year. If you're a cardholder, your purchases should be official government business only. To ensure you're paying a fair price, check several catalogs or vendors for the same or similar items.

If you're the approving official, ensure your cardholders are rotating their sources and can prove they received the best deal. Also, make sure your cardholders receive annual training as required by AFI 64-117.

Col. O.G. Mannon, 16th Special Operations Wing commander, receives quarterly briefings on cases of GPC fraud and abuse; commanders, supervisors, approving officials and cardholders should monitor their GPC programs closely to avoid such problems.

For more information, call the 16th Contracting Squadron's GPC personnel at 884-6611.

Operation Hero: Children experience deployment process

By Staff Sgt. Robert Zoellner
33rd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. —

Today's service member has a good understanding of what a deployment is, how it goes and what to do.

But sometimes family members, especially the children, don't understand what is happening or why their mom or dad has to go.

Operation Hero "deployed" children of the 33rd Fighter Wing recently to better familiarize them with what their parents have to do when they are called upon to deploy.

"The parents volunteer; the kids don't volunteer," said Col. Brett Williams, 33rd FW commander. "We need the support of the kids just as much as we do the spouses. It's important, and we hope we gave them the opportunity to see a little about what their parents do and where they go."

The children were issued badges and identification tags and had to use these



Photo by Staff Sgt. Robert Zoellner

Senior Airman Tierra Cope, 33rd Maintenance Operations Squadron, explains mobility bags to some children, who attended Operation Hero Jan. 8.

items to positively identify themselves during the deployment to enter different "zones."

Six zones were set up, and after a slide presentation, the children were divided into groups and sent to different zones: an explosive ordnance disposal robot demonstration, a military working dog demonstration, a "tent city" living area, chemical warfare equipment, a firetruck and firefighters area and an F-15 Eagle display.

The zones gave the children a chance to get up close with the things their par-

ents see and or do during deployments.

The son of Tech. Sgt. Edwin Santos, 33rd Maintenance Operations Squadron liked the K-9 demonstration.

"They were looking for bombs and things that could hurt other people," he said.

He also said he liked the tent area where he tasted a Meal Ready to Eat and observe how his dad might live in a deployed environment. Edwin said it looked like camping, but "a little

more dangerous."

"You can always see the anxiety, and that they really don't fully comprehend what's going on," Sergeant Santos said. "When I heard about (Operation Hero), I saw the opportunity to bring him and give him a taste of the process we go through — the whole nine yards."

Colonel Williams said Operation Hero may not make it any easier for the children to be without their parents, but maybe they will understand a little more about a deployment.

Spotlight

on...

Tech. Sgt. Donna Wilson

Organization/Duty title:

16th Mission Support Squadron/Education and Training Manager
Hometown: Liberty, Texas

Hobbies: Reading, spending time with family; supporting Striving for Perfection Ministries Vision

Contribution to the mission: Sergeant Wilson expertly managed the 16th MSS and 16th Special Operations Wing units control center during Hurricane Ivan, ensuring 1,000 military, civilians and their family members were evacuated safely.

She was selected by the unit commander as the additional duty unit training manager for the 16th MSS, the 16th Mission Support Group and wing staff agencies assuring training for more than 300 personnel.

Sergeant Wilson was recently recognized by her commander and supervisor for reconciling \$2 million in tuition assistance for more than one thousand base active-duty students. In her spare time, Sergeant Wilson enjoys delivering Meals on Wheels in the local community.

(Editor's note: The COMMANDO highlights Airmen, junior NCOs, company grade officers, Department of Defense civilians and volunteers in units who do a great job and should receive day-to-day recognition. For more information on nominating an individual for the "Spotlight on..." column, supervisors can call the 16th Special Operations Wing Public Affairs Office at 884-7464.)

Special air missions recalled in history series

By Maj. Rob Hecht
505th TRS

The following information is the second in a two-part series designed to highlight Korean War Special Air Missions which will be discussed at Part II of the Living History Lecture Series.

Before the 581st arrived in Korea, Detachment Two performed a variety of special air missions and demonstrated incredible courage in the dark early days of the conflict.

Commanded by Capt. Harry "Heinie" Aderholt, Detachment Two's primary purpose was psychological warfare dropping leaflets urging North Koreans and Chinese to "surrender or face inevitable death."

But Det. 2's aircrews performed an even more dangerous role flying long-range, low-level penetration missions to insert Korean partisans and intelligence agents. Flying well into North Korean territory and even into Manchuria, Det. 2 supported a variety of agencies including FECOM technical intelligence, 5th Air Force, CIA and U.S. and South Korean irregular units.

Det. 2's most dangerous missions were the insertion of Korean intelligence agents given the code-name "rabbits" and supporting Operation Aviary, long range intelligence ops designed to gather information on North Korean movements.

Provided with SCR-300 infantry radios, the rabbit's mission was to pass enemy order of battle, troop movements and target information. A special breed of agent, the rabbits knew the only way to safety after their mission was on foot and to infiltrate through the enemy's front lines.

Approximately 1,000 rabbit insertions were conducted between September 1950 and June 1951; more than 70 percent of the agents inserted made it back on time or shortly thereafter. Often alone and with nothing to protect them but their instincts, the agents proved resilient and effective.

Inserting agents and dropping leaflets behind enemy lines was probably more than enough of a mission for anyone, but not for Det. 2's commander, Captain Aderholt. He had maintenance crews mount bomb racks on some of his C-47 aircraft. Capable of carrying two 75-pound napalm bombs, the C-47s of Det. 2 took the fight to the North Koreans with the one restriction that they successfully complete the insertion mission before going hunting for possible targets.

Det. 2 pilots became skilled at finding truck convoys moving south under the cover of darkness. Adept at flying low, their accuracy was exceptional and Det. 2 pilots soon found out that when moving at night North Korean fire discipline prohibited

Living History Lecture Series

Through the Eyes of a Commando Living History Lecture Series, Part II, continues Jan. 26 at 6:30 p.m. in the base theater.

Guest speakers retired Brig. Gen. Harry "Heinie" Aderholt and retired Lt. Col. John Napier III will discuss Korean War special air missions. For more information, call Capt. Kerya Reyes at 884-4089.

returning fire even after being fired upon.

It was an operation such as this in late 1950 that Det. 2 pilots detected the build-up for the massive Chinese counter offensive following the fall's spectacular gains by U.N. forces pushing northward toward the Yalu River.

Unfortunately, the B-26s didn't get them and Capt. Aderholt's report was ignored. The massive Chinese offensive took U.N. forces by surprise and forced them into the stalemated conflict that hovered near the present day DMZ for the remainder of the conflict.

Shortly afterward Det. 2's bomber operations were discovered by FECOM and shut down.

As the U.N. forces retreated in the face of overwhelming Chinese numerical superiority, the need for intelligence became urgent.

Since it took time to set up radio communications and terrain wasn't conducive, Capt. Aderholt employed an ingenious method of locating the position to where enemy forces were headed. An east-west axis line of rabbits was inserted and given red, green and yellow smoke grenades. If the Chinese had crossed that point, a red smoke grenade was used to signal a C-47 orbiting overhead and painted with unique stripes for identification purposes. If U.N. forces were nearby, they'd use a green smoke grenade, and if no one was in the area a yellow grenade was used. Though the system was crude, it was effective and worked. Along with the "C-47 Napalm Bomber" Det. 2 also proved effective in the psychological warfare role with loudspeakers, once encouraging a force of 300 enemy soldiers to surrender when threatened with a fiery death from accompanying F-51s.

The crews of Det. 2's most important legacy remains innovation, professionalism and the aggressiveness that marked Air Commando operations and today's Air Force Special Operations.

Civil rights leader remembered for his 'dream,' vision

Courtesy of 16th SOW/MEO

In 1983, the U.S. Congress designated the third Monday in January a national holiday in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., beginning in 1986.

Dr. King was born Jan. 15, 1929, in Atlanta, which was home to his parents and maternal grandparents.

The King family life revolved around worship and religion, with each day beginning and ending with family prayer. Dr. King learned early on from preachers the power of the spoken word.

Later, while at Morehouse College, he began to understand the complexities of racial attitudes. He graduated from Morehouse College in 1948 and attended Crozer Seminary in Pennsylvania. He grad-

uated Crozer in 1951 and pursued his doctoral degree at Boston University's prestigious School of Theology.

In May of 1954, Dr. King accepted the call to the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, Ala. There, he was soon thrust to the forefront of an effort to win fair treatment for African Americans. His leadership and implementation of the principle of nonviolent resistance led to a successful yearlong boycott of Montgomery's bus system that inspired additional boycotts in Birmingham and Mobile, Ala., and Tallahassee, Fla.

In 1963, Dr. King spoke at the March on Washington rally to demonstrate support for the civil rights bill President John Kennedy had introduced to Congress. More than a quarter of a million people gathered in front of the Lincoln Memorial.

During the rally, Dr. King delivered his famous "I Have A Dream" speech, which captured the attention of many Americans who'd never thought seriously about civil rights for African Americans and was instrumental in garnering support for federal civil rights legislation.

Dr. King's and others' efforts during the many movements prompted President Kennedy to introduce a civil rights bill before Congress in June

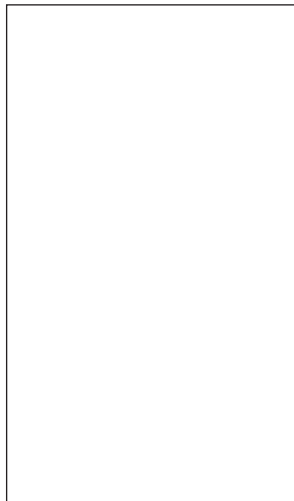
1963. Shortly after President Kennedy's assassination Nov. 23, President Andrew Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Dr. King was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in December 1964 and was presented the medal by King Olav V. in Oslo, Norway. He was only 35 years old and the youngest recipient ever. The chairman of the Norwegian Parliament introduced him as "an undaunted champion of peace...the first person in the Western world to have shown us that a struggle can be waged without violence."

Dr. King continued to promote civil rights throughout America in the following years. In 1968, while in Memphis, Tenn., he delivered his famous "Mountaintop" speech to a crowd of 2,000 supporters.

The next day, Dr. King, 39, stepped out onto his motel balcony and was assassinated. President Johnson declared April 7 a day of national mourning. Dr. King was buried in South View Cemetery, near his grandparents. His marble crypt is inscribed with his famous words, "Free at Last. Free at Last. Thank God Almighty, I'm Free at Last."

At Hurlburt Field, Martin Luther King Jr. Day was commemorated with a special observance at the base chapel Jan. 10. Prayer intercessor Will Ford III served as guest speaker for the event.



Courtesy photo

Will Ford III, speaks at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., commemorative service held at the base chapel Jan. 10.

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Undersecretary fills three roles

WASHINGTON – The undersecretary of the Air Force will fill three roles following the departure of two senior Air Force leaders at the end of the month.

Both Air Force Secretary Dr. James Roche and Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition Dr. Marvin Sambur left their offices Thursday.

Peter Teets, now serving as undersecretary of the Air Force, will assume the role of acting secretary of the Air Force effective as of Thursday. Mr. Teets will also assume the responsibilities of the service's main acquisition official at that time.

Mr. Teets will continue to fulfill his responsibilities as undersecretary of the Air Force, while performing his new duties. Lt. Gen. John Corley will assist by overseeing the day-to-day operations of the service's acquisition community.

It's expected that Mr. Teets will continue in his new roles until the president appoints a new Air Force secretary and assistant secretary for acquisition.

Mr. Teets came to the Air Force in 2001. He's responsible for all actions of the Air Force on behalf of the secretary of the Air Force and is acting secretary in the secretary's absence. In that capacity, he oversees the recruiting, training and equipping of more than 710,000 people and a budget of about \$68 billion.

Mr. Teets is the retired president and chief operating officer of Lockheed Martin Corp., a position he held from 1997 through 1999.

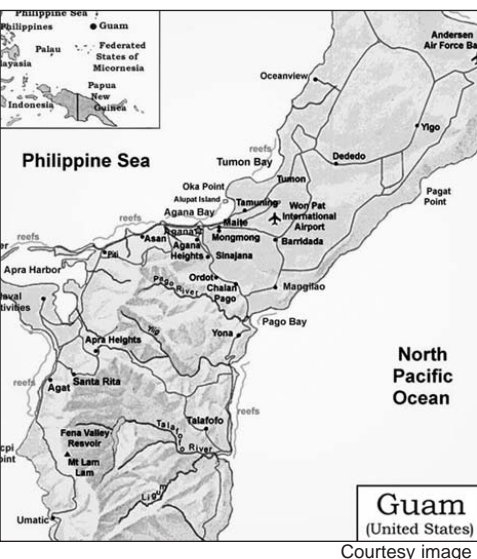
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Stay put

Service members can expect longer tour lengths in Guam



The Air Force Personnel Center announced that the tour length for Guam will change to 36 months accompanied and 24 months unaccompanied.

Effective Jan. 1, 2006, the Air Force will consider Guam a long-tour location.

All personnel must consider Guam's tour length effective date and update their assignment preferences accordingly.

Keep in mind, most assignments are matched several months in advance and therefore, to get appropriate long-tour consideration, assignment preferences must be updated to coincide with their respective assignment timelines.

Members selected for an assignment to Guam with a report no later than date of Jan. 1 and after, will be selected using the "long" tour assignment outlined above.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Robert Love at 884-2695. **(AFPN)**

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The Air Force's Tops in Blue performers will provide free entertainment to all government-issued identification card holders and their guests Jan. 27 at 7 p.m. in the Freedom Hangar.

This year's show,

"Musicology" is a musical mixture of R&B, country, contemporary and big band sounds from the 1940s.

Tops In Blue 2004 is sponsored in part by AT&T and COCA-COLA (no federal endorsement of sponsors intended).

For more information, call Chuck Lowrey at 884-2189 or e-mail chuck.lowrey@hurlburt.af.mil.

Commissaries to award scholarships to military children; application deadline Feb. 16

By Adam Austin
DCA Public Affairs

FORT LEE, Va. — The deadline to apply for \$1,500 scholarships from the Scholarships for Military Children program is Feb. 16, and applications must be delivered to a Defense Commissary Agency store by then.

At least one scholarship will be awarded at every commissary location with qualified applicants.

The application is available online at www.militaryscholar.org, and at commissaries worldwide. Edna Hoogewind, the agency's liaison to the program, stresses that students should put emphasis on writing the essay that is required to accompany the application.

"In past years, the essay has been a key factor in deciding among the many outstanding applicants," she said. This year's topic is "How has the heightened awareness of terrorism impacted your life?"

Officials advise students who aren't personally delivering applications to use a delivery method that supplies

a return receipt. People applying online can click on the "Verification of Receipt" section. Scholarship managers will respond to "Verification of Receipt" e-mails until June 15. Officials said applicants should check all materials carefully for simple things like making sure the application is signed and that it is the 2005 application.

The scholarship program is open to unmarried children younger than 21 (23 if enrolled in school) of active-duty service members, including Coast Guard, Guard and Reserve, and retired military.

Eligibility will be determined using the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System database.

Applicants should ensure that they, as well as their sponsor, are enrolled in the system and have current ID cards, officials said.

Applicants must be planning to attend, or be already attending, an accredited college or university full time in the fall term of 2005, or be enrolled in a program of study designed to transfer directly into a four-year program. (AFPN)

16th MDOS offers tips to prevent

'Baby-bottle' cavities

By Capt. Joshua Hethcox
16th Medical Operations
Squadron

'Baby-bottle' cavities develop when a child is allowed to use a bottle inappropriately.

These cavities can affect a large number of the teeth, can be quite large and can progress extremely rapidly.

A child is given a bottle containing milk or other sugar-laden beverage (juice, soda, Kool-Aid, etc.) and they are allowed to walk around for long periods of time or to fall asleep while drinking the bottle. The liquid pools around the teeth for pro-

longed intervals which can lead to severe tooth decay.

The good news is this situation is totally preventable. Don't allow a child to fall asleep unattended with a bottle or allow them to use a bottle for extended time periods while awake.

Only allow milk or sweet drinks at meal time. Give plain water at all other times. Parents should also be brushing children's teeth every day for them.

If you believe your child may have a problem due to baby-bottle cavities, see your family dentist as soon as possible.

Advocates help improve service

Information provided by the 16th MDG

Patient advocates are available at the 16th Medical Group to assist patients who may want to compliment the good service they have received, make suggestions or recommendations or express a concern.

Patient advocates are unbiased clinic personnel who act on behalf of the patient to address concerns they may have and to help facilitate a resolution.

Additionally, patient advocates actively seek ways to improve processes by working with the medical group executive staff to evaluate medical services and by actively soliciting patient feedback.

Each section within the MDG has a designated section patient advocate. If the section patient advocates are not able to resolve an issue then the issue is elevated to the group-level patient advocate for resolution.

The following is a list of 16th MDG patient advocates:



For more information, call the 16th MDG Patient Advocates – 1st Lt. Amy Harrell and Tech Sgt. Robert Kimrey – at 582-7296 or visit the TRICARE hallway in the 16th MDG clinic.

Week in History

The following is a list of extraordinary events that occurred this week in military history:

Jan. 17, 1991 – Strikes by B-52Gs and F-117As opened the Gulf War.

Jan. 17, 1992 – In a move to modernize its fleet of training aircraft, the Air Force accepts the first production model T-1A Jayhawk.

Jan. 17, 2004 – In 42 days of combat, 16 U.S. Air Force Reserve C-130s fly over 3,200 combat sorties against Iraq.

Jan. 18, 1905 – The Wright Brothers open negotiations with the government for procurement of one airplane.

Jan. 19, 1910 – Three two-pound sandbags were dropped in the first simulated bomb drop experiment.



B-52G Stratofortress

Jan. 20, 1918 – The Air Service's 1 Army Corps Headquarters was organized at Neufchateau, France.

Jan. 21, 1911 – The Army made the first radio-telephonic transmission from an aircraft.

Jan. 22, 1959 – An Air Force study of Unidentified Flying Objects revealed fewer than one percent could be classified as unknown.

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Now, what are we celebrating?

For whatever the reason or no reason at all, Americans will celebrate just about anything

By Senior Airman Heidi Davis
Public Affairs

"There should be a holiday for that."

If you've ever said those words, you're not alone.

Over the last several years, bizarre – yet unique – days have been deemed celebratory by companies, sports teams, special interest groups or the local government.

While making a holiday a

national affair may be a drawn out congressional process, it takes nothing more than a suggestion and copyright documents to create your own special day.

Whether or not these peculiar

days will ever make national news, is highly unlikely. Yet, somewhere in America on any given day, someone is having holiday fun.

Source: <http://holidayinsights.com/moreholidays>

JANUARY

Some of January's special days:

- Jan. 3 – Sleep Day
- Jan. 8 – Bubble Bath Day
- Jan. 14 – Dress Up Your Pet Day
- Jan. 22 – National Blondie Brownie Day
- Jan. 23 – Measure Your Feet Day
- Jan. 28 – National Kazoo Day



National Hot Soup Month

MAY

Some of May's special days:

- May 1 – Save a Rhino Day
- May 5 – National Hoagie Day
- May 6 – National Tourist Appreciation Day
- May 8 – No Socks Day
- May 11 – Eat What You Want Day
- May 22 – Buy a Musical Instrument Day



National Photograph Month

SEPTEMBER

Some of September's special days:

- Sept. 3 – Skyscraper Day
- Sept. 5 – Be Late for Something Day
- Sept. 10 – Swap Ideas Day
- Sept. 13 – Positive Thinking Day
- Sept. 19 – National Play Doh Day
- Sept. 26 – National Pancake Day



Classical Music Month

FEBRUARY



National Weddings Month

Some of February's special days:

- Feb. 4 – Create a Vacuum Day
- Feb. 6 – Compliments Day
- Feb. 9 – Clean Out Your Computer Day
- Feb. 13 – Get a Different Name Day
- Feb. 16 – Do a Grouch a Favor Day
- Feb. 23 – International Dog Biscuit Appreciation Day

JUNE

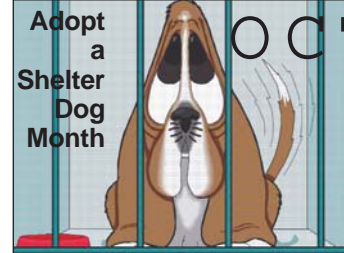


National Aquarium Month

Some of June's special days:

- June 1 – Dare Day
- June 3 – Repeat Day
- June 8 – Best Friend's Day
- June 10 – National Yo-Yo Day
- June 16 – National Hollerin' Contest Day
- June 18 – National Splurge Day
- June 22 – National Chocolate Eclair Day
- June 27 – Paul Bunyon Day

OCTOBER



Adopt a Shelter Dog Month

Some of October's special days:

- Oct. 3 – Virus Appreciation Day
- Oct. 7 – National Frugal Fun Day
- Oct. 12 – Moment of Frustration Day
- Oct. 14 – National Dessert Day
- Oct. 19 – Evaluate Your Life Day
- Oct. 25 – Punk for a Day Day
- Oct. 29 – National Frankenstein Day

MARCH

Some of March's special days:



National Peanut Month

- March 1 – Peanut Butter Lover's Day
- March 5 – Multiple Personality Day
- March 9 – Panic Day
- March 13 – Ear Muff Day
- March 15 – Everything You Think is Wrong Day
- March 22 – National Goof Off Day
- March 26 – Make Up Your Own Holiday Day
- March 30 – Take a Walk in the Park Day

JULY

Some of July's special days:



National Hotdog Month

- July 1 – Creative Ice Cream Flavors Day
- July 2 – I Forgot Day
- July 4 – Compliment Your Mirror Day
- July 8 – Video Games Day
- July 11 – Cheer Up the Lonely Day
- July 20 – Ugly Truck Day
- July 26 – All or Nothing Day
- July 27 – Take a Plant for a Walk Day

NOVEMBER

Some of November's special days:

- Nov. 7 – Cook Something Bold Day
- Nov. 9 – Chaos Never Dies Day
- Nov. 15 – Clean Your Refrigerator Day
- Nov. 22 – Go for a Ride Day
- Nov. 26 – Buy Nothing Day
- Nov. 30 – Stay at Home Because You're Well Day



National Sleep Comfort Month



Keep America Beautiful Month

APRIL

Some of April's special days:

- April 2 – National Peanut Butter and Jelly Day
- April 5 – Fun at Work Day
- April 7 – No Housework Day
- April 11 – Eight Track Tape Day
- April 18 – Pet Owner's Independence Day
- April 27 – Babe Ruth Day
- April 30 – Hairstyle Appreciation Day



Admit You're Happy Month

AUGUST

Some of August's special days:

- Aug. 2 – National Ice Cream Sandwich Day
- Aug. 6 – Wiggle Your Toes Day
- Aug. 8 – Senior Citizen's Day
- Aug. 12 – Middle Child's Day
- Aug. 16 – National Tell a Joke Day
- Aug. 20 – National Radio Day
- Aug. 22 – Tooth Fairy Day
- Aug. 25 – Kiss and Make Up Day
- Aug. 27 – Just Because Day

DECEMBER

Some of December's special days:

- Dec. 2 – Eat a Red Apple Day
- Dec. 6 – Mitten Tree Day
- Dec. 9 – National Pastry Day
- Dec. 15 – Bill of Rights Day
- Dec. 19 – Go Carolling Day
- Dec. 21 – Look on the Bright Side Day
- Dec. 28 – Card Playing Day



Write a Friend Month

Hurlburt Happenings

Military

Orientation course

The Joint Special Operations University invites all Special Operations personnel to attend the Asia-Pacific Orientation Course Jan. 31 – Feb. 4. The course provides non-technical education on the cultural, historical, political, economical, social, religious and security dynamics of the Asia-Pacific region. Course registration begins at 7:30 a.m. Jan. 31. For more information, call Capt. Jae Sim at 884-1858 or visit <https://www.hurlburt.af.mil/milonly/tenantunits/jsou/>.

NCOA meeting

Hurlburt Field's Commando Noncommissioned Officer Association, Chapter 44 and Auxiliary 248 are holding the monthly meeting Jan. 29 at 6 p.m. in the J.R. Rockers Destination Room. Topics to be discussed include upcoming base/community events, the chapter's focus and general membership issues. The chapter is also undergoing a chapter recall for all past and local area members. For more information, call Master Sgt. Bob Love at 884-2695 or Master Sgt. Charles Glotzbach at 884-7964.

AFA luncheon

The Hurlburt Field chapter of the Air Force Association will sponsor the Unsung Hero Lunch Jan. 27 at 11 a.m. at the Soundside club. The guest speaker will be Col. Kenneth Rodriguez, 720th Special Tactics Group commander. Approximately 20 base personnel will be honored. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Ann Blodzinski at 881-2277.

AFSOC/CE conference

Headquarters Air Force Special Operations Command Directorate of Civil Engineering is sponsoring a command-wide CE conference Tuesday through Thursday. The conference will provide units a forum to discuss a wide range of AFSOC civil engineer issues affecting construction, environmental operations and maintenance and readiness. It will also focus on U.S. Special Operations Command and AFSOC missions and facility issues, in addition to initiatives from the AFSOC/CE staff.

Awards banquet

In honor of military traditions, Hurlburt Field provides special recognition to individuals whose superior duty performance, dedication and efforts have led them to become top-notch professional military leaders. The 2004 Annual Awards Banquet will be held Feb. 17 at 6 p.m. at the Emerald Coast Conference Center on Okaloosa Island. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased through the unit first sergeants.

Dress for military is semi-formal or mess dress, and civilians should wear coat and tie attire. No hats or nametags are needed; women must wear skirts – not slacks. People are asked to reference AFI 36-2903, *Dress and Personal Appearance of Air Force Personnel*. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact your unit first sergeant.

Flightline training

Hurlburt Field's Airfield Management Office

will be conducting mandatory annual recertification training for all flightline drivers Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Jan. 28 at 8 a.m. at the base theater. Drivers must present their Flightline Competency Card_____ for entry. For more information, call 884-7809/4491.

Community

Claims

Anyone with a claim for or against the estate of Master Sgt. Roderick Madison, 16th Special Operations Squadron, should call Capt. Clark Mabry at 884-5527 or 377-9727.

LRS inbox

To better serve the Air Force Special Operations Command community, 16th Logistics Readiness Squadron Customer Service has a centralized e-mail inbox at 16lrs.customer@hurlburt.af.mil. Customers can e-mail requests, such as stock-number loads, backorders, complaints and customer feedback. If you have an Air Mobility Unit assigned to your squadron, contact your respective AMU contact personnel. For more information, call 16th LRS Customer Service at 884-7862.

Valentine's Day carnations

The 16th Special Operations Wing Dining Out committee will be selling carnations for \$2. See any Top 3 member before Feb. 11 to sign up. The dining-out committee will deliver the carnations and a personalized message to your Valentine Feb. 14. For more information, call 1st Lt. Shannon Ouder at 884-3823 or Master Sgt. Tonya Sasser at 884-2732.

Pool hours

The dome is up at the base swimming pool, and winter hours are in effect as follows:

Sundays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Friday from noon to 5 p.m., Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and closed Mondays for cleaning.

Lap swim: Six lanes – Tuesday through Friday, noon to 2 p.m.; four lanes – 2 to 4 p.m. Lanes available upon request Saturdays and Sundays. Active-duty members have priority to meet fitness requirements.

Open swim: Tuesday through Friday, 2 to 5 p.m.; all day Saturdays and Sundays

For more information, call 884-6866.

Book signing

Retired Lt. Gen. Michael DeLong, U.S. Marine Corps, will be at the base library Wednesday from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. to sign copies of his new book, "Inside CentCom: The Unvarnished Truth About the Wars in Afghanistan and Iraq." General DeLong is the former deputy commander of the U.S. Central Command.

The book includes actions taken by the government and the U.S. military from Sept. 11, 2001, to the fall of Saddam Hussein. For more information, call Sabrina Honda at the library at 884-6266.

Home seminar

The Hurlburt Field Housing Office will hold a

Home Buying/Selling Seminar Jan. 31 from 8 to 11 a.m. at the family support center. Topics of discussion include: pre-qualifying, how to finance your purchase, tips on selling and home inspections. Seating is limited; call 884-7505, ext. 100 for reservations.

Women's History Month

The military equal opportunity office invites volunteers to assist in organizing, preparing and supporting events for Women's History Month which is held throughout March. All positions will need to be filled, including chairperson, vice chairperson and treasurer. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Natasha Hollomon at 884-2631.

Toastmasters

Anyone interested in joining the Hurlburt Toastmasters club should come to the regular meetings each Wednesday from noon to 1 p.m. in Classroom J of Building 90220. Toastmasters can help individuals improve speaking, listening and leadership skills through a mutually supportive and positive learning environment. For more information, call Marty Mears at 884-3050.

Retirement column

As of this year, the COMMANDO newspaper will include a monthly retirement column, which will run in the last issue of each month. All submissions must include: name, rank, squadron and number of years of service and will need to be e-mailed to the COMMANDO inbox at com-mando@hurlburt.af.mil. Submissions must be received no later than the third Friday of each month. For more information, call the public affairs office at 884-7464.

Volunteer

Tax representatives

The base tax center is looking for volunteers for the upcoming tax season. Volunteers should plan on working four hours each week preparing taxes Monday through April 15. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Amanda Fekete at 884-6119.

Classes

HAWC classes

The following classes are available at the health and wellness center. For more information, call 884-4292.

Healthy Living Workshop – Tuesday, 8:30 a.m.

Fitness Improvement Program – Tuesday, 10 a.m.

Body Composition Improvement Program – Tuesday, 1 p.m.

Youth Fit Seminar – Tuesday and Thursday, 6 p.m.

Postnatal Nutrition – Wednesday, 9 a.m.

Eating Heart Healthy – Wednesday, 3 p.m.

Lean and Healthy Eating – Thursday, 9 a.m.

Fitness 101 – Thursday, 2 p.m.

Diabetes Follow Up – Thursday, 3 p.m.

Senior Fitness – Jan. 28, 9 a.m.

Senior Nutrition – Jan. 28, 10 a.m.

Hurlburt Field Chapel



Catholic Mass

Saturday, 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, 7:15 and 10 a.m.

Confessions: Saturday, 4:30 to 5 p.m., or by request

Youth: 5 p.m. Sunday

Religious Education: September – May

Protestant Services

Sunday, 8:30 a.m. (Traditional worship)

11:30 a.m. (Contemporary worship)

Religious Education: August – May

Youth and Singles groups available

Jewish Services (882-2111)

Sabbath services: Friday, 7:30 p.m., Eglin Chapel Center

Muslim Services (882-2111), Eglin Chapel Center

Jumuah: Friday, 12:45 p.m.

For more information, call 884-7795

To check out Air Force TV or Radio News visit: <http://af.feedroom.com> or www.af.mil/news and click on TV or radio to find out what's happening around the Air Force.



At the movies

Prices are \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children.

Movies start at 7 p.m. unless otherwise indicated.

Hurlburt Field
Friday and Sunday
Ocean's Twelve
(PG-13)
Saturday
Trinity (R)

Eglin Air Force Base
Friday and Sunday
Flight of the Phoenix
(PG-13)
Saturday
Closer (R)

For up-to-date movie schedules, call Hurlburt Field at 884-7648 or Eglin Air Force Base at 882-1066.
For movie information, visit <http://www.aafes.com/ems/conus/hurlburt.htm>.



DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE

For a free, confidential ride home, call AADD at 884-8844.

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Hockey season kicks off for adults, children

The Hurlburt Hawks intramural hockey team plays every Wednesday night at the Gulf Breeze roller rink.

The six-team league has an official Web site where you can check out current standings, stats and schedules at www.echrhl.com.

The Hawks' next game is at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday.

The children's hockey league plays every Saturday starting at 9:30 a.m. at the Hurlburt Field roller hockey rink.

Photo by Airman 1st Class Ali Flisek

A Hurlburt Hawk player (far left) pushes forward through the Czech's defense enroute to a top shelf scoring shot to bring the Hawks within one goal. The clock then worked against the Hawks, falling in their season opener, 5-4.

Sports Shorts

Men's softball

Tryouts for the 2005 Hurlburt Field men's varsity softball team begins Feb. 15 at 5 p.m. at the main softball fields behind the Aderholt Fitness Center.

For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Chuck Shepherd at 884-5774 or Senior Master Sgt. Scott Bowen at 884-5802.

Boys baseball

Tryouts for the 11-year-old Traveling Raiders will be held at the Navarre Youth Sports Facility field nine Jan. 29. Warm-up and registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. and tryouts at 10 a.m. For more information, call Randy Brazelton at 939-7591 or Roy Terry at 240-2452.

Swim lessons

Youth swim lesson registration is open by phone or in person at the base pool. Classes start Feb. 1.

The two-week sessions include level 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 classes. Classes will be held Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Cost is \$35. For more information call 884-6866.

Over 30 basketball standings

TEAM	SCORE
MXS	12-3
MDG	11-4
SVS	11-5
AFSOC	10-5
LRS	9-6
SFS	8-7
RHS	3-10
CCW	2-12
CES	0-14



Photo by Airman Florante Cazenias

Players react as a 16th Security Forces Squadron player, attempts a jump shot during an Over 30 basketball game at the Aderholt Fitness Center Jan. 12 against Air Force Special Operations Command. 16th SFS defeated AFSOC 44-40, putting them one game over .500 heading into the playoffs.

Where do you stand?

An abdominal circumference measurement, a one-and-a-half mile run and one-minute timed push-ups and sit-ups all add up to a composite score reflecting your USAF fitness level.

Visit the Web site below to view the scoring charts.

Fitness level	score
Excellent	≥90
Good	75-89.9
Marginal	70-74.9
Poor	<70

Fitness safety tips

- Start exercising slowly
- Use fitness monitors
- Ensure water is available
- Be aware of traffic while jogging or walking
- Don't enter construction sites

Components	Points
Aerobics	50
Body comp.	30
Push-ups	10
Crunches	10

www.af.mil/news/USAF_Fitness_Charts.pdf

Fit Eagle Competition

The 15th annual Fit Eagle Competition will be held at the Aderholt Fitness Center Feb. 18 at 7 a.m. Letters of intent for the squadron versus squadron event are due by Feb. 7 at noon.

Events include a 5K run, push-ups, sit-ups, pull-ups, tug-of-war and a team building "mystery" challenge. For more information contact your unit's sports representatives or call Staff Sgt. Tamara Rosa at 884-4412.